

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** 1260408311\_160\_213\_1[1].jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1101280.005

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** The District Court at Wellington

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable. |
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 31 January 2012

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The file is a visual record of sexual exploitation. The image explicitly shows a girl, who appears to be an older child or younger teenager, being subjected to sexual activity. Images such as this invite viewers to see girls as sexually active and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to create or reinforce a sexual interest in young persons.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.